



Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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| Event Name | 26-27 April Severe Weather Event |
| Date | April 30, 2015 |
| Time | 1400 |
| Operational Period | 04/30/2015 |
| Report Number | SITREP #3 |

| Regions Affected | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| DPS Regions Affected | 1,2,5 and 6 |
| DDCs Active | |

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

Only sporadic outages remain, and a few secondary roads remain closed in impacted areas. Two injuries and one fatality have been reported. Damage assessments are ongoing in a few impacted areas.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

REGION 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 4 – Hurst (Includes Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties)

Erath County: County Road (CR) 172 had trees down with road blockage. **Cattail Creek MHP** issued a boil water notice, due to a ground storage tank hatch being opened during the storm.

The City of Stephenville: WWTP is online, but overflowing. Backup power kept everything online; the system is set up on two different power grids and never lost power.

The City of Dublin: The city had several power lines down and sustained the majority of Erath County's hail damage. WWTP lagoons have power and one lift station was being repaired, but was overflowing as of 10:40 am on April 27th.

Johnson County: Many Johnson County roads remain closed. CR 210 east of Rio Vista between CR 174 and Farm-to-Market (FM) 1204 road is impassible, because the bridge is possibly washed out. Reported multiple roadways are inaccessible due to flooding, debris, or because they are washed out. The Johnson County Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) and the DPS Disaster District Chair completed a helicopter aerial damage assessment fly-over on Monday. Volunteers with the North Texas Off-road Recovery helped clear away fallen trees on Monday.

Rio Vista PD, Rio Vista Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), Johnson County OEM, Texas Division of Emergency Management District Coordinator, and TDEM Disaster Finance Coordinator were assisting at the fire station/ICP in Rio Vista.

Somervell County: CR 1008 has water over the roadway as of 11:30 AM on April 27. Power companies continued to work to restore electricity throughout the day on Monday, April 27.

City of Glen Rose: The City of Glen Rose reported that an unknown volume of wastewater was released from the WWTP with potential impact to the Paluxy River, which leads to the Brazos River. The WWTP experienced a brief power surge where the backup generators were utilized, and the plant never lost power. Lift stations were not impacted. The discharge was caused by I&I from the large amount of rain between 11:00 PM and 2:00 AM. As of 2:00 PM, the discharge was controlled. The facility was advised to submit a media notification due to the potential discharge volume.

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes Rains, Wood, Camp, Upshur, Marion, Van Zandt, Smith, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Anderson, Cherokee, Rusk, and Panola Counties)

Cherokee County: One person was rescued from a 35-foot deep sinkhole on Wylie Road, located in the Shady Brook area. Road crews shut down the road.



DDC 4 – Garland (Includes Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, and Rockwall Counties)

City of Maypearl: Due to the severe storms that affected parts of the state during this event, Maypearl sustained some damage. Officials will be conducting damage assessments today.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and 16 Pierce)

DDC 13 – Bryan (Includes Leon, Robertson, Madison, Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, and Washington Counties)

Grimes County: The American Red Cross (ARC) completed its damage assessment for Grimes County, where five homes were destroyed, seven homes sustained major damage, and nine homes sustained minor damage. There were no injuries or fatalities. TxDOT had all assigned roadways reopened and cleared of debris by 12:00 PM, Monday, April 27th.

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes Shelby, Nacogdoches, Houston, Angelina, San Augustine, Sabine, Trinity, San Jacinto, Polk, Tyler, Jasper, and Newton Counties)

Power has been restored to all affected customers in DDC 14. All previously closed roads have been cleared of debris and water and are passable. All schools and government offices have returned to normal operations. The ARC was notified of six families in DDC 14 that need assistance.

Jasper County: State Highway (SH) 62 in Buna was re-opened. There was minor damage to homes in Jasper County, number unknown, and several boats were submerged in the lake.

Newton County: Issued a Disaster Declaration for flooding damages on Monday, April 27th.

Polk County: Issued a Disaster Declaration for severe thunderstorm damages on Monday, April 27th.

San Jacinto County: San Jacinto County sustained severe storm damage early in the morning on April 27th from strong winds and heavy rain. All four Precincts within the county were affected; however, most of the wind damage was sustained in Precincts 2 and 3. Many roads had downed power lines and trees strewn across the roadways making them impassable for emergency vehicles and citizens. As of April 28th, debris removal and road repairs were completed and all roads are accessible. Power outages were reported throughout the county during the storms. SHECO and Entergy dispatched crews to remove damaged power lines and they restored power to all of their respective customers. (Many portions of the county still operate off personal water wells, which also affect sanitation devices.)

TxDOT cleared all state-maintained roads, and was in the process of removing downed trees from the Right-of-Way sides of the roads. Power has been restored to all schools in Shepherd, and damage assessments continue.

Tyler County: A 33-year-old lineman working for a Sam Houston Electric Cooperative contractor was killed Tuesday, April 28th while his team was restoring power from the recent storms in Tyler County. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is investigating the incident.

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes Jefferson, Hardin, and Orange Counties)

Power has been restored to all customers.

DDC 16 – Conroe (Includes Montgomery, Liberty, Waller, and Walker Counties)

Walker County: Roads previously closed due to downed power lines and tree debris are now open.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes Knox, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, and Comanche Counties)

Callahan County: The Cross Plains damage assessment has revealed roadways, previously reported on, lie within the city limits. No roads are closed and road crews continue repairs.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 23, 12, 18, and 17)

DDC 11/23 – Waco (Includes Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Lampasas, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties)

Bosque and Hill Counties: Tornado touchdowns and high wind damages reported, with some road closures due to flooding and debris removal. Multiple power outages were reported. Minor damages were reported in Bosque County, including structural damage to a barn. The Bosque County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is still activated for coordination and response. TxDOT is assisting with debris removal and utility companies are working on restoring power.

Power Outages: Only sporadic outages remain.

Damage Assessments: These are preliminary numbers as damage assessments are ongoing.

| Type | Affected | Minor | Major | Destroyed |
|--------------------|----------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Government | | | | |
| Business | | 3 | 2 | |
| Multi-Family | | | | |
| Single-Family | | 9 | 7 | 5 |
| Manufactured Homes | | | 1 | 2 |

Disaster Declarations/Disaster Summary Outlines:

- Newton County due to vegetative debris, power outages, and river levels
- Sabine County due to high winds and/or tornado damages
- Polk County due to vegetative debris, power outages, and river levels
- Bosque County due to high winds, damage and power outages

Infrastructure:

Water/Waste Water Outages: The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) continues to assist impacted local jurisdictions in assessing their water/wastewater systems. Several wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) have reported potential impacts to waters of the state due to the storm event. The region is monitoring the plants' responses to ensure that human health and the environment are being protected. The plants will continue to follow normal notification procedures. Following are the current updates from TCEQ.

Updates to Potential Impacts to Water Systems due to the Storm Event

Several wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) and public water systems (PWS) have reported potential impacts due to the storm event. The TCEQ DFW Region Staff conducted follow-up calls to the most severely impacted plants to check on the status of these systems.

Water/Wastewater Treat Plant:

The City of Glen Rose (Somervell County) stated that the sanitary sewer overflow ended yesterday. A copy of the public notice was requested to be sent to TCEQ. The source of the inflow and infiltration was due to a 8 inch line plugged to stop storm water/creek inflow. The line will be repaired permanently once water levels recede.

Public Water System:

Cattail Creek MHP (Erath County) was asked to issue a boil water notice (BWN) due to a ground storage tank hatch being opened during the storm. The water system contacted the region office on 4/28/15 stating that they had disinfected the tank and issued a BWN. The region is following up with system to obtain a copy of the BWN.

Debris Management Updates

On April 27th, 2015, The City of Cleburne submitted to the TCEQ DFW Region office a Request to Operate a Temporary Debris Site. The City of Cleburne is assisting the City of Rio Vista with debris management. The temporary debris management will be utilized for staging/stockpiling for vegetative debris only. The ultimate disposal decisions are currently being worked out between the two cities. On April 27th, 2015, TCEQ DFW Region Staff conducted a pre-site inspection of the proposed temporary debris management site and did not note any objections to the city operating at the location. On April 28th, 2015, TCEQ notified both cities that there were no objections to proceeding with their plan.

Communications Outages: Server down at Jasper/Sabine/Newton Counties EOC due to power outages.

Roadways: All roads are open.

School Closures/Delayed Opening: All schools have returned to normal operations

Government Closures: All government offices have returned to normal operations.

Fatalities/Mass Casualties/Injuries: One injury reported in Cherokee County and one injury reported in Johnson County. One confirmed fatality, a lineman working to restore power in Tyler County, was reported.

Shelters Activated: None

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): Disaster District personnel as well as Texas Division of Emergency Management Regional State and District Coordinators continue to maintain contact and assist as needed.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): Assisting local jurisdictions with roadway obstructions (downed trees and debris removal) in regions 1,2,5 and 6. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) reported that the Stephenville area TxDOT Office sustained some damage and flooding and vehicles were impacted due to hail. The Hood County TxDOT Office had minor issues due to a tree falling into the maintenance yard.

Voluntary Agencies Active in Disasters (VOADs): VOADs (The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Texas Baptist Men, Southern Baptists of Texas, Team Rubicon, National Association of Christian Churches) are responding to the recent series of storms by providing canteens, tarps, shelters, chainsaw crews, and mud out crews to assess damages and assist local jurisdictions. Additional information on operations follow:

American Red Cross (ARC): ARC activated its casework and damage assessment teams and they met affected individuals in their homes to provide assistance if requested. ARC also met with individuals whose property had visible damage to ensure they were being taken care of.

ARC contacted various members of the Brazos County VOAD to advise them of damages and the needs of impacted individuals.

The Texas Baptist Men responded with a chainsaw and roofing crew.

ARC conducted follow-ups by continuing to meet with and speak with affected individuals regarding their needs.

ARC ordered 75 meals for lunch and served 73 persons. One hundred and seventy meals were ordered for dinner and 147 served.

ARC received calls from approximately thirty families requesting a place to stay. Due to the number of individuals requesting this type of assistance, ARC coordinated with the City of Navasota and County EMCs to open a shelter at Navasota Community Center, 101 Stadium Drive, Navasota, TX 77868. To date, 147 people visited the shelter but no one elected to stay, therefore the shelter was closed.

ARC will bring in additional volunteers to assist with casework and damage assessment, and will continue to meet with clients. They also will follow up with clients with whom they met on

Monday. Provided below are the ARC's damage assessment numbers. For this incident, ARC will not be providing a detailed assessment. **These numbers represent individuals who have requested assistance for roof repair, food, shelter, tree removal, etc.** None of the impacted counties will be submitting disaster declarations.

| County | Destroyed | Major | Minor | Affected |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Burleson | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Grimes | 5 | 11 | 12 | 0 |
| Washington | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 5 | 12 | 12 | 0 |

These represent ARC Damage Assessment Numbers

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Assisting in identifying public water and waste water systems that may have sustained damage in the impacted areas.

FINAL COMMENTS: The SOC is at currently at Level IV (Normal Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management continues to monitor the situation and will issue additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC Readiness are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report is located on the TDEM webpage at: www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

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